

Continuum of Care Committee Meeting
November 12, 2015 12:30 – 1:30pm
United Way of York County Community Room

Attendance: Lindsay Zeglen (United Way of York County), Brye Coles (York Housing Authority), Amy Hampson (York/Adams HealthChoices), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Tiffany Raybin (YWCA York), Colleen Clay (York County Human Services), Missy Gosnell (Community Progress Council), Karen McCraw (Family First Health), Steve Warren (York/Adams MH-IDD), Robin Rohrbaugh (Community Progress Council), Kathy Wolf (York Housing Authority), Kelly Blechertas (York County Planning Commission), Tonya Morgan (Human Relations Committee), Richard Robinson (Penn-Mar Human Services), Kimberly Preske (NAMI), Laura Ruhling (YWCA Greater Harrisburg SSVF), Stephanie McIlwee (TurningPoint Interfaith), Marcella Kinard (Bell Socialization Services), Valerie Conway (York County Prison), Eve Gardner (Healthy Community Network), Wanda Miller (client), Debbie Loucks (York Area Housing Group), Jessica Mockabee (York County Human Services), George Barnock (York County Planning Commission), Bob Woods (United Way of York County), Vicki Klinedinst (United Way of York County), Nate Rivera (YMCA of York and York County)

Welcome/Introductions: Chair, Jessica Mockabee welcomed everyone, asked for introductions and approved last month's minutes.

EFSP Update

There is no update since last month.

Subcommittee Reports

- **CoC Application**

Kelly Blechertas sent a draft of the application to the committee prior to the meeting. Corrections were made to the project ranking spreadsheet and it is now finalized. This is the CoC's Application, as opposed to individual project applications, for the money we get from HUD annually. Major parts of the application are performance measures. The committee must approve the application today in order for it to be presented to the County Commissioners.

Motion: Moved by Eve Gardner, seconded by Stephanie McIlwee, to approve the CoC Application to go before the County Commissioners. Motion carried.

- **Review and Ranking**

There is no update since last month.

- **HMIS**

Ms. Blechertas reported that she is currently working on AHAR. All data looks well done but she may have further questions for individual providers. Sheltered PIT will be done through HMIS. If the committee is going to add any questions this year, Kelly needs to know by the December CoC meeting.

Ms. Blechertas is working with Bill Reed on administration for ending veteran homelessness by the end of the year. A Mayors Challenge for York, a Governors Challenge for the State, and a standard Admin Challenge are being conducted, all to end homelessness. Part of the process includes “functional zero” which is identifying all homeless vets in your area and offering them services, whether they use the service or not. While doing so, all names of the vets are to be recorded. All service providers will have to email Ms. Blechertas weekly with names of vets that have come through their agency. A veteran is defined as anyone who has been enrolled in the military, active duty or non-active. However, much of the program services only serve those who have at least one day active duty.

- **10 Year Plan**

- Coordinated Assessment**

- Robin Rohrbaugh reported the subcommittee is changing the emphasis of the assessment to focus on permanent supportive housing. Individuals who are homeless/near homeless will go to Community Progress Council (CPC) and go through a coordinated assessment that is standard across the county. They will then be scored and ranked based on their need for housing, eventually foregoing agency’s waiting lists. This is a HUD requirement so any program moving forward who wants HUD funding will have to participate in the coordinated assessment. A large part of the process is making sure the host site, CPC, has the capacity to run the assessment. This strategy will hopefully lead to better data collection, recognizing gaps in service, and identifying the most chronically homeless.

- Healthcare**

- Eve Gardner reported the subcommittee is working with consultants to look beyond what York’s data says to get a better idea of what is still needed in the community. They are looking at what other cities are doing on this topic and how they are connecting homelessness and healthcare.

- Unsheltered PIT Count**

Ms. Mockabee reported the Unsheltered PIT Count will take place on Thursday, January 28th, 2016, asking homeless individuals the question “where did you sleep last night?” If interested in helping there will be a sign-up sheet at the next CoC meeting. Last year, Penn-Mar Human Services covered most of the southern part of the county, starting at 3am and covering many public places. If anyone is collecting cold-weather clothing to give to individuals the night of the count it can be dropped off at CPC.

- Mainstream Resources Review- Family First Health**

Karen McCraw discussed what resources and services Family First Health offers to the community. They have 5 locations that provide primary care, including dental and other healthcare services such as prenatal care, HIV testing, depression screenings, etc. They also assist individuals in tackling the barriers of accessing healthcare and accessing health insurance.

Other Business

The Hands on Helper Committee at RAYAC want to get involved with helping support the homeless. They will be attending Homeless Connect at the Farmshow in Harrisburg on November 20th where various resources will be available for homeless to access. The committee would eventually like to conduct a similar event in York.

Wanda Miller suggested getting providers and their clients together to take “selfies to stop impasse” which would then be sent to Harrisburg showing all of the people that the budget impasse is effecting. On December 7th, 8th, and 9th she plans to be at various spots across the city to take pictures of these individuals. If anyone would like to get involved please email her at selfiestostopimpasse@yahoo.com.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.

Next Meeting will be held Thursday, December 17th @ 1:00pm at United Way Community Room.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lindsay Zeglen